



Friday 14th July

Tunstead Primary Newspaper

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

We are now just one week away from the end of our school year, and today's newsletter is all about thank yous and some goodbyes.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who was involved in our school fete on Saturday. Whether it was one of the children making things to sell, a family member coming to visit the fete itself or the small army of volunteers who helped to run the event, I would like to thank you all for your roles in making the day a success. I would also like to specifically thank our Tunstead Friends committee, who may be small in numbers but they have been big on effort and commitment this year to offer a range of events to help raise money for our school; our children have access to more opportunities and experiences due to their team's hard work.

This week has also been the time to share with many children and families their results from national assessments. We are really pleased with our results across KS1 and 2 this year, with results in line or above national in most areas. Particular strengths were in our phonics check results at Year 1 (93% passed compared to 75% nationally last year), Year 2 reading (88% compared to 67% national last year) and our Year 6 grammar scores (85% compared to 72% national this year). Our pupils have much to be proud of as a result of their hard work, and these are also testament to the determination and skill of our amazing staff team in supporting our pupils to achieve their best.

Sadly, next week will see three of our staff team leaving us, as we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Mannix, Miss Knight and Mrs Van Kampen. Mrs Mannix and Mrs van Kampen have both been with us at Tunstead for the last two years, while Miss Knight has been with us since February and is leaving to begin her teacher training. Mrs van Kampen is moving on to a promotion at Catton Grove Primary, and will be back in school next Wednesday to say her goodbyes. Mrs Mannix has been a big support to our Key Stage 2 pupils, and has given lots of her time to support our sports teams and productions too. I would like to thank them all on behalf of our team and pupils for their contributions and wish them all the best for whatever they do next.

And finally, next week also sees us say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6s. They will be very busy in their last week with us as they make their final preparations for their Wicked-inspired Leavers Assembly on Wednesday afternoon. We are so proud of them for the kind and confident individuals that they have become and we hope you will join with me in wishing them well for their final week.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

July

17th - KS2 Cluster Swim

19th - Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2-3pm

20th - Sycamore Bugz trip

21st - Last day of term!

September

6th - Back to school!

13th - First session of Conifer Class swimming

October

23rd-27th Half Term

November

6th - Individual and sibling photos

22nd - Flu immunisations

27th - 30th Birch Bikeability

29th - Yr6 NationAL Height and Weight checks

December

20th - Last day of term

CLASS UPDATES

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & AOB	90.83%	96.17%	93.67%	98.99%
		Sycamore have been working together over the past year to achieve their 'apple points' for a class reward... only two left so please watch this space for their choice of treat next week!	Conifer Class had an amazing forest schools session on Monday, looking at Minibeasts, using tools and cooking over the fire! Thank you to Mrs Payne for organizing the day.	We want to congratulate our Year 6 students for the SATs results - we are incredibly proud!

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's Award

The **Tunstead Friends** for their amazing support for the school in fundraising!
Thank you for all that you do

Class Golden Award Winners

Oak - **Albert** for joining in with his peers during carpet time and **Oscar** for kind and thoughtful play.

Sycamore - **Amber** for setting herself high expectations and producing work of a very high standard.

Conifer - **Stanley** for engagement and enthusiasm during pond dipping at Forest schools, and **Annabelle** for amazing story writing at home.

Birch - **Tilly** for being an outstanding pupil and for always putting forth her best effort

School Council

Thank you to everyone who baked and bought cake yesterday.

We raised a super

£31.80

House Points

1st - Otter 4581

2nd - Swallowtail 4277

3rd - Bittern 3958

4th - Harrier 3534

Tunstead Friends

The Friends are so pleased to have seen so many of you at the Summer Fayre. It was a truly wonderful day and a great celebration of the school's 110th anniversary. **We raised £1,600** which will be used to enrich the children's experience at school. Thank you to the businesses who sponsored the class stalls, bouncy castle, Punch and Judy and provided raffle prizes.

In the last fundraising year Friends have paid for all the children to attend the Pantomime, have purchased Forest School equipment, paid for leaver hoodies and new starter book bags.

None of our fund raising events would be possible without the support of our volunteers so a special thank you goes to each and everyone who has helped throughout the school year.

A very special thank you to Lisa Coston who has been a Friend for many years but will be leaving our committee. Thank you Lisa for all your hard work and dedication. We wish you well and will miss you.

If anyone is interested in being part of the Friends we are a very small but friendly group and you can commit to as little or as much as you are able. Our AGM will be held in the second week of September, date to be confirmed. Email us at tfriends5wra@nsix.org.uk if you would like more information or speak to one of us. We wish you a great summer holiday!

Forest School

It has been lovely seeing the children in both Conifer and Birch Class having fun in a full day at Forest School. They enjoyed toasting waffles on the fire, crafting from natural resources and making cakes in the mud kitchen. A particular favourite was watching the new young ducks swimming in the pond!

